



# Report

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ICF Congress, Pattaya, Thailand

3-5 November 2022

## **COPAC – PAN AMERICAN CANOE FEDERATION**

**NAME: Victor G. Ruiz**

**ICF Position: ICF Board Member**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

<b>COPAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>		
Victor G. Ruiz	PUR	President
Christian Moya León	CHI	Secretary General
Sebastián Gómez	URU	1st Vice President
Merryl Arthur See Tai	TTO	2nd Vice President
Othón H. Diaz Valenzuela	MEX	Treasurer

### **1. Major Meetings since last Congress:**

<b>PAN AMERICAN CANOE CONFEDERATION Board of Directors - Ordinary Meeting</b>
1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORDINARY MEETING December 09, 2022
2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORDINARY MEETING JANUARY 27, 2022
3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORDINARY MEETING MARCH 10, 2022
4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING MAY 12, 2022

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES, SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 02, 2022
6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING JULY 07, 2022
7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2022
8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

### **National Federation, Technical Committee & General Meetings**

#### **National Federations Meeting (Virtual):**

- March 26, 2022
- September 3, 2022

#### **Slalom Technical Committee:**

- November 21, 2021
- December 21, 2021
- March 15, 2022
- July 14, 2022
- September 29, 2022

#### **Sprint Technical Committee:**

- November 14, 2021
- December 23, 2021
- January 22, 2022
- May 14, 2022
- May 22, 2022
- July 16, 2022
- August 20, 2022

#### **ICF Board Meetings;**

- May 31, 2022
- September 21, 2022
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#### **Pan American Canoe Slalom Championship 2022**

- Several meetings with USA OC

#### **Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship 2022**

- Several meetings with Canada OC

**ICF Development program Meeting:**

- January 26, 2022
- February 11, 2022

**Pan American Ocean Race Meetings:**

- February 22, 2022
- September 06, 2022
- October 03, 2022

**Meeting with Panam Sports:**

- March 31, 2022
- May 9, 2022
- July 18, 2022
- July 21, 202
- August 8, 2022

**Santiago 2023 Organization Committee Meetings:**

- Several meetings with OC in 2021 and 2022 (Slalom and Sprint)

## **2. Tasks undertaken for this period:**

Meetings have been held with the members of the Board, the presidents of the committees, COPAC professional staff and continental representatives of America. In those meetings, a diagnosis was made of how COPAC was doing on various issues. I summarize below the most relevant ones.

- Finances (Income and Debts)
- Administration of COPAC (Board, Registry and professionals)
- Event calendars
- Pan American Games in Cali 2021 and Santiago 2023
- Social networks
- Members of the Sprint and Slalom commissions

### **Administration of COPAC:**

Due to the volume of work in administrative matters and social network matters, we will continue with the professional structure of having support in COPAC for administration and social networks. The board decided to close the registration of COPAC in Brazil. Several meetings have been held with Brazilian lawyers to understand the process to be carried out to close it. At the board level, the vice presidents will be supporting the commissions of Sprint with Sebastián Gómez and Slalom with Merryl See Tai. At the treasury level, Othón Díaz will continue to work hand in hand with our administrative assistant on financial matters. In addition to Christian's role as secretary of COPAC, he will be participating with me in matters related to the Santiago 2023 games.



### **Cali 2021 Pan American Games:**

The Cali Games celebrated in November 2021 were our first event as a new COPAC board. Although we managed to get our young people to have their first event after almost two years without events due to the pandemic. A total of 15 countries participated in these games.



### **Pan American Slalom Championship:**

The Pan American Championship was held in Oklahoma City, USA from May 6 to 8, 2022. A total of 7 countries with 86 athletes participated (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Mexico, USA, Venezuela), unfortunately Peru did not obtain the visa to participate in the event. We greatly appreciate the Federation of the United States for supporting this event.



## Pan American Sprint and Paracanoe Championship:

The Pan American Championship was held from August 10 to 12 in the city of Halifax, Canada, once the World Sprint Championship ended. A total of 14 countries participated in this event and about 5 had visa problems to participate in the event. We greatly appreciated the support of the Atlantic Division and Canoe Kayak Canada Organization on this event.










### 2022 Pan American Championships and Pan Am Games Qualifier Official Medal Count September 8, 2022

Canoe/Kayak Events Medal Table					
Rank	Federation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Canada	7	5	2	14
2	Brazil	3		2	5
3	Argentina	2	4	1	7
4	Cuba	1	4		5
5	Mexico	1		3	4
6	United States of America	1		3	4
7	Chile		1	2	3
8	Uruguay		1	1	2
9	Colombia			1	1
10	Belize				0
11	Ecuador				0
12	Peru				0
13	Puerto Rico				0
14	Trinidad & Tobago				0



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Paracanoe Events Medal Table					
Rank	Federation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	 Brazil	3	3	2	8
2	 Chile	3	2	0	5
3	 Canada	2	4	3	9
4	 Argentina	2	1	1	4
5	 United States of America	1		2	3
6	 Mexico				0
7	 Uruguay				0



Santiago 2023 Pan American Games:

**Report Technical visit Canoe Sprint:**

Our Technical Delegate Allan McDonalds visit on May 17, 2022 the plan B Facilities for Canoe Sprint. Because the country is facing an extreme drought, the city of Curauma does not have the capacity to host the event. It was evaluating San Pedro Lagoon as a Plan B Venue.

- It is approximately 515 kilometers from Santiago
- The City and the venue it is recommended by CO, Chilean Federation and COPAC (has hotels, airport, and good transportation).

Laguna San Pedro in the city of Concepción - has the necessary infrastructure to host the event. The conditions of the lake are correct, considering all the necessary requirements. We had a very productive meeting with the organizing committee of the Games. The finish tower location will need to be on the water. On top of an island. We have periodically meeting with the Santiago 2023 to follow up activities to be perform in la Laguna San Pedro.





## Report Technical visit Canoe Slalom:

### Proposal Río Aconcagua Pista Canotaje Slalom – LOS ANDES

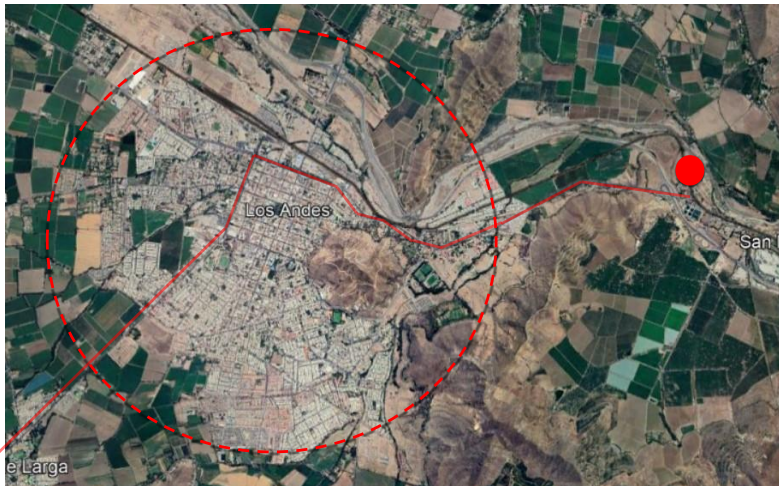
Canoe Slalom ITD Visit to Santiago 2023 July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022



Plan A, Option 1: EL Sauce is a stretch of the same River Aconcagua, but 1,5 km river up from Coquimbito. It is 4 km from the town main square, in a more suitable area (more area and easy to work on the ground with heavy machinery in the riverbed and on the banks and area designated for the overlays. The water flow during the visit was informed to be 7 m<sup>3</sup>/s (by the hydroelectric power station operator river up from the stretch). It is recommended the Plan A, Option 1, due to the convenience of the area, and a better legacy for canoeing in Chile, for being a public area.

### PROPUESTA PISTA CANOTAJE SLALOM – LOS ANDES

EMPLAZAMIENTO

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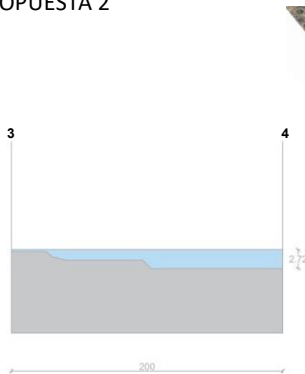


-  CIUDAD DE LOS ANDES
-  PROPUESTA EMPLAZAMIENTO PISTA CANOTAJE SLALOM



### PROPUESTA TRAMOS DE RÍO PISTA CANOTAJE SLALOM – LOS ANDES

PROPUESTA 2



Perfil del río tramo 3-4 : Altura máxima 2.72m



### **3. Issues and Main Points of Report**

- The main issue during this period was the visa requirement to participated in events. This is a Topic that we need to continue evaluate for future events.
- Development Program:
  - Continue supporting our federation for the need of equipment, management, and technical support. During this period, we support:
    - Dominica: Received two K1
    - Belize: Management Support
    - Mexico: Wish Program
    - Dominican Republic with a NTO seminar in October 1, 2022.



- Santiago 2023 Pan American Games:
  - We need to ensure timeline establish with the OC and Technical delegate are done as per due dates.
- Ensure events schedule for the non-Olympic discipline for 2023-2024.

#### 4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- To be approved by COPAC in October 2022 the Slalom Bids for:
  - 2023 Qualification event for Santiago 2023
  - 2024 Qualification event for Paris 2024
- Judge NTO Seminar for the Santiago 2023:
  - Slalom:
    - Date: 18 al 21 November 2022
    - Place: Los Queñes, región del Maule
  - Sprint:
    - Date: 8 al 11 December, 2022
    - Place: Villarrica, Región de la Araucanía
- Begin meetings with Barranquilla Organization committee for the 2027 Pan American Games.
- Continue the meeting with Santiago 2023 organization committee.
- Pan American Ocean Race to be held in Yucatan, Mexico November 25-27, 2022.



### SECOND OFFICIAL BULLETIN

### PAN AMERICAN CANOE OCEAN RACING & SUP CHAMPIONSHIPS COPAC 2022